Accommodating Bureaucrats in Undertakings

1329. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any references have come to the notice of his Ministry that so many dead undertakings/departments have been kept alive only to accommodate Bureaucrats and senior officers of the States;
- (b) if so, whether Government have studied the expenditure spent on them; and
- (c) how many such organizations have been identified so far and whether Government would issue any directions to abolish such organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grabbing of top slots by IAS Officers

1330. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Central Services grown as IAS grabs top slots" as published in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 21st September, 2001.
 - (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems of the continuing and rapid marginalisation of the Central Services with the tightening stronghold of the IAS monolith at the senior positions in the Central Government establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The facts stated therein are denied.

The percentage of IAS officers working at the levels of Secretary, Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary in Government of India as on 1.1.2001 was 61.7, 67.6 and 58.9 respectively.

(c) Does not arise.